

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An aqueous effervescent liquid cleaning composition for use in fabric washing which upon contact with wash liquor provides effervescent action, and which comprises from 10 to 50% of a surfactant, from 1 to 35% of a builder, selected from the group consisting of water soluble alkali metal phosphates, polyphosphates, borates, silicates, carbonates; polycarboxylates; water-soluble salts of phytic acid; water-soluble polyphosphonates; water-soluble salts of mellitic acid; carboxymethyloxysuccinic acid, salts of polymers of itaconic acid and maleic acid, tartrate monsuccinate, and tartrate disuccinate; amorphous and crystalline zeolites or aluminosilicates and a dissolved gas in a sufficient amount to provide the effervescent action, wherein the dissolved gas is an inorganic gas selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and noble gases and is present in the composition at a concentration of from 0.001 to 5% by weight and having a higher solubility in an aqueous surfactant-containing composition than in water, wherein said composition is maintained in a non-pressurized container.

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Previously Amended) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dissolved gas is selected from nitrogen and carbon dioxide.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the dissolved gas is present at a concentration of from 0.1 to 3% by weight.

Claim 7 (Cancelled)

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1, wherein the surfactant is selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, zwitterionic, and cationic surfactants and combinations thereof.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Composition according to claim 1, being an isotropic or structured liquid detergent composition.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Fabric washing process for cleaning articles, whereby an effervescent action is provided by employing an aqueous effervescent liquid cleaning composition according to claim 1.

Claim 13 (Cancelled)